is to ensure that key essential commodities are made available at reasonable prices to consumers in all parts of the country throughout the year. The Central Government has, therefore, assumed responsibility for procuremet and bulk allocation of six key essential commodities namely, rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oil, Superior Kerosene Oil (SKD) and CIL/Soft Coke to State/UTs for distribution through PDS. Besides, the State Governments/U.T. Adminstrations are free to include , on their own, additional items of mass consumption for distribution through PDS, based on local consumer needs and preferences. Several States/U.Ts. are reported to be distributing pulses, tea, iodised salt and soaps through Fair Price Shops in Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) areas.

Infrastructural Investment by State Governments for Export Promotion

1475. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minsiter of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments are investing/have to invest a substantial amount of resources for setting up infrastructure towards promoting export-oriented industries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Governments do not get any share of the revenue collected on the basis of export earnings;

(c) if so, whether this arrangement acts as a disincentive for State Governments in terms of export promotion; and

(d) if so, what measures are beign contemplated by Government to remove this anomaly and realise the full export potential of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Investment on infrastructure to promote industries including export oriented units are made both by the Centre and the States in sectors that appertain to them.

(d) to (d) Export earnings accure to the exporters and the foreign exchange equivalent thereof serves to strengthen the nation's balance of payments. States stand to gain from encouraging export oriented units through the linkages these offer to technological upgradation, foreign investment, expansion of employment and heightened competitive ability.

सुपर बाजार के श्रमिकों हेतु वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना

1476. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार सुपर बाजार के सभी श्रेणियों के श्रमिकों को वृद्धावस्था पेंशन देने की योजना को लागू करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सुपर बाजार के महाप्रबंधक ने इस योजना को लागू किए जाने का विरोध किया है;

(घ) क्या यह योजना पूर्णतः केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित की जाएगी या सुपर बाजार द्वारा भी इस योजना में वित्तीय सहयोग दिया जाएगा; और

(ङ) यह योजना कब तक कार्यान्वित किये जाने की संभावना है?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Coffee Cultivation in Andhra Pradesh

1477. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coffee Board has taken any steps to increase coffee growing in the Moredmilli area of East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details of measures taken in this regard;

(c) whether any assistance has been offered to Andhra Pradesh to increase

Coffee cultivation in 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, In view of low production of coffee plantations noticed in Moredmilli area, the Coffee Board, alongwith other related agencies including Integrated Tribal Development Agency, Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation etc. has been making efforts for consolidation/ rejuvenation of these areas.

(c) and (d) Efforts are being mad by the Coffee Board to expand coffee cultivation in Andhra Pradesh. As a part of this effort, the Board has established a Regional Research Station at R.V. Nagar, Extansion Centres at Chintapalli (two) and Araku Valley, Regional Centre at Vishakapatnam and Coffee demonstration farm at Minumuluru. The Coffee Board has also been providing all necessary research & development support besides credit and subsidy to the farmers with an outlay of 48.91 lakhs for the state during hte current annual plan.

विभिन्न फर्मों द्वारा व्यापार के निबंधन और शर्तों को पूरा न किया जाना

1478. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान व्यापार के कुछ निबंधन और शर्तों को पूरा न करने पर विदेश व्यापार के महानिदेशक के प्रवर्तन प्रभाग द्वारा कितनी फर्मों के विरूद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है;

(ख) ऐसी फर्में कौन-कौन सी है और उन्होंने कौन-कौन सी शर्तों को पूरा नहीं किया है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): (क) से (ग) यद्यपि निजी पार्टियों के बीच अलग-अलग व्यापार कार्य के बारे में कार्रवाई करने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है, फिर भी विदेश व्यापार (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1992 तथा आयात और निर्यात (नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1947 के प्रावधानों के उल्लंघन के संबंध में विदेश व्यापार महानिदेशालय के मुख्यालय में प्रवर्तन प्रभाग द्वारा 1993-94 के दौरान जिन मामलो में कार्रवाई की गई है, उनका ब्यौरा अनुपत्र में दिया गया है।

[देखिए परिशिष्ट 174, अनुपत्र सं० 44]

Dues of P.F. in Bihar

1479. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the first twenty five industrial and business houses in Bihar against whom dues of Provident Fund are pending; and

(b) what is being done to recover these dues?

THE MINSTER LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) A statement is enclosed (*see* below).

(b) Necessary legal and penal action is already being taken to recover the dues outstanding against the defaulting establishments.

Statement

'Dues of P.F. in Bihar

S.No.	Name of First Industrial & Business Houses in Biharvc
1.	M/s J.K. Nasuriddin Beedi Merchant(P) Ltd. Biharsharief, Nalanda.
2.	Md. Sayeed Ferozuddin, Biharsharif, Nalanda.
3.	M/s Lensca Beedi Company, Biharsharif, Nalanda.
4.	M/s Kaehwar Lime and Stone Company, Banjori, Rohatas.
5.	M/s High Tension Insulation Factory, Ranchi
6.	M/ Reliance Firo Bricks and Pottery Works Co. Ltd., Dhanbad.